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{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Dog imports, which APHA received on 24 August 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“1. The number of Romanian dogs imported into the UK under The Balai Directive for the years from 2010 until 2021 with figures shown for each year”

Information on the Balai directive can be found here:

[Import of Animals under the ‘Balai’ Council Directive 92/65/EEC \(defra.gov.uk\)](http://defra.gov.uk)

Please see figures available in the table below;

Years	Number of dogs
2017	15,540
2018	17,189
2019	19,487
2020	32,525
2021	38,081

APHA do not have access to data prior to 2017 due to our data retention policy. Please also note that the data from 2021 is for dogs entering Great Britain (GB) not the UK.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the

information that has been input into the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) and the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFF) system by a third party.

“2. The number of Romanian dogs imported into the UK via the PETS scheme for the years from 2010 until 2021 with figures shown for each year”

The Pet Travel Scheme covers pets entering Great Britain and is based on information provided by checkers employed by approved carriers of pet animals.

Country or origin is not recorded by the carriers for compliant pets so we are unable to provide this information. This information is not held by APHA.

“3. The number of cases of canine brucellosis (*B.canis*) recorded for Romanian dogs having been imported into the UK for 2010 until 2021 with figures shown for each year”

This information is not held by APHA.

Section 16 (Help and advice)

Unfortunately it is not possible to calculate this number as there is no legal requirement for pre or post import testing into the UK for *Brucella canis* and also no requirement for people submitting samples to APHA for testing to inform us of the animals country of origin. So the data is not available. It may also be the case that some testing is done elsewhere other than APHA and we do not have access to that information (although positive results should be reported to us).

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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